

**THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The June 8, 2006 Office Action required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 from the following groups of inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-19, drawn to a method of making a part of a sports boot upper, classified in class 264, subclass 465;

Group II: Claim 20, drawn to a method of making a sports boot upper, classified in class 12, subclass 156C; and

Group III: Claim 21, drawn to a part of a sports boot, classified in class 36, subclass 45.

In response to the request for restriction, Applicant elects for further prosecution in this application, the invention of Group I, associated with claims 1-19. This election is made *without traverse* and is made without prejudice to the Applicant's right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

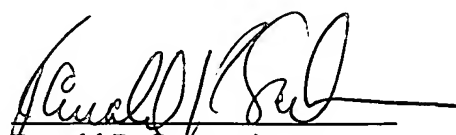
An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any fees incurred by reason of this response and not paid herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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